

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 35 and 37 to 51 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 16, 26, 35, 37, 40, 46, 48, 50 and 51 are the independent claims. Favorable review is respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Lisa Caputo for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment to Applicant's representative during her telephone call of May 14, 2003. Claim 40 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion during that interview.

In addition, Claim 51 has been added to further define features of the invention which are disclosed in the specification at page 18, lines 4 to 9.

Finally, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement, filed May 14, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.